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**SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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**There are no Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Exhibit A**, Fernandez, D. et al. 2006, Arthritis Rheum. 54:2983-2988, follows page 4 of this paper